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INJECTION MOLDING MACHINE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated November 5, 2003 (Paper No. 1003). Concurrently filed with this Preliminary Amendment is an Information Disclosure Statement. Please amend the above-noted application as follows: